

599—1.2 (101C) Organization and operation.

1.2(1) The council shall consist of ten voting members appointed by the fire marshal, nine of whom represent retail propane marketers and one of whom shall be the administrator of the division of community action agencies of the department of human rights. Qualified propane industry organizations shall together nominate all members of the council other than the administrator. A vacancy in the unfinished term of a council member shall be filled for the remainder of the term in the same manner as the original appointment was made.

1.2(2) Other than the administrator, council members shall be full-time employees or owners of a propane industry business or representatives of an agricultural cooperative actively engaged in the propane industry. An employee of a qualified propane industry organization shall not serve as a member of the council. An officer of the board of directors of a qualified propane industry organization or propane industry trade association shall not serve concurrently as a member of the council.

1.2(3) In nominating members of the council, qualified propane industry organizations shall give due consideration to nominating council members who are representative of the propane industry, including representation of all of the following:

- a.* Interstate and intrastate retail propane marketers.
- b.* Large and small retail propane marketers, including agricultural cooperatives.
- c.* Diverse geographic regions of the state.

1.2(4) The fire marshal or a designee may serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member of the council.

1.2(5) The following persons shall be ex officio, nonvoting members of the council designated for three-year terms as follows:

- a.* A professional firefighter designated by the Iowa Association of Professional Fire Chiefs.
- b.* A volunteer firefighter designated by the Iowa Firemen's Association.
- c.* An experienced plumber involved in plumbing training programs designated by the Iowa State Building and Construction Trades Council.
- d.* A heating, ventilation, and air conditioning professional involved in heating, ventilation, and air conditioning training programs designated by the Iowa State Building and Construction Trades Council.
- e.* A community college instructor with experience in conducting fire safety programs designated by the Iowa Association of Community College Presidents.
- f.* A representative of a property and casualty insurance company with experience in insuring sellers of propane gas designated by the Iowa Insurance Institute.

1.2(6) A council member, other than the administrator, shall not receive compensation for the council member's service and shall not be reimbursed for expenses relating to the council member's service.

1.2(7) A member of the council shall not be a salaried employee of the council or of any organization or agency which receives funds from the council.

1.2(8) A council member shall serve a term of three years and shall not serve more than two full consecutive terms. A council member filling an unexpired term may serve not more than a total of seven consecutive years. A former council member may be appointed to the council if the former member has not been a member of the council for a period of at least two years.

1.2(9) Initial appointments to the council shall be for terms of one, two, and three years that are staggered to provide for the future appointment of at least two members each year.

1.2(10) The voting members of the council shall select a chairperson and other officers as necessary from the voting members and shall adopt rules and bylaws for the conduct of business and the implementation of this chapter. The council may establish committees and subcommittees comprised of members of the council and may establish advisory committees comprised of persons other than council members. The council shall establish procedures for the solicitation of propane industry comments and recommendations regarding any significant plans, programs, or projects to be funded by the council.